



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania, Catherine, Joanna

Dear Parishioners,

This last week we celebrated the feast of the first non-martyr English saint for over 600 years. An Oxford don, vicar of the University church, ecclesiastical star, John Henry Newman led a country-wide movement within the Established church, to refind and restore its roots. This "Oxford Movement" completely changed the face of the Church of England, making it appear far more "Catholic" than Protestant. However, over time Newman realised that there was only One Catholic and Apostolic Church and that it lay with Rome, not Canterbury. Leaving Oxford, he was received on 9th October 1845 by Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore just outside Oxford where some companions and he had retired to consider their future. His reception into the Church caused outrage in an England heavily prejudiced against Catholics and Newman was attacked on all sides.

His treatment within the Church was not always sympathetic either and at one point he was described by the Vatican as "the most dangerous man in England."

Newman endured years of misunderstanding, suspicion and accusation as a Protestant and a Catholic, but it did not prevent him writing some of the most beautiful and inspiring hymns and theological works such as "Praise to the Holiest", "Lead kindly Light", "Firmly I believe and truly"...eventually his genius and faithfulness was recognised and right at the end of his life he was created a Cardinal by Leo XIII.

"The cloud has lifted" wrote the future saint.

In today's Gospel the rich young man also has to make a decision to follow the Lord or continue in comfort and security. Unlike St John Henry Newman, he chooses to remain within his own comfort-zone and "he went away sad."

Where are we with this life-changing decision? Will we opt for the Lord, His Way not ours? Or do we trundle along neither fully satisfied or committed?

Jesus offers the same invitation as He did to the rich young man, to John Henry Newman and to all: "Come, follow me."

Will we follow?

God bless everyone,

Fr Clive

This week: Masses as usual.

Saturday 12 pm: The Marriage of Declan Soper and Claire Lees at Holy Trinity.

Declan and Claire would like to issue a general invitation to parishioners to support them on this very special day. Please do come along!

Looking ahead...At the start of Advent the whole Church will adopt a new Lectionary, the four volumes that contain all the scripture readings for Sundays, Saints days, All the Feasts, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc etc. It is a major development and it means that all our Mass books will have to be replaced and new ones ordered for both parishes. New Missals will have to be bought too and details of where and how to do this will soon be published.

Our new volumes are already with us as I took advantage of the 10% discount if ordered early!

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Prisoner's Sunday

This Sunday is Prisoner's Sunday. For details of PACT, a Catholic prisoner's charity, see www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/

"The Way Forward"

"The Way Forward" working group will hold their next meeting on the 29th October at 7.30 (venue TBC). To review and help plan for the future based on the feedback from everyone following the summer parish meeting and feed back from Fr Clive. If you would like to volunteer be involved in this, please contact Brek.

Date for your diary:

The carol service for advent and the parish party will be on the afternoon of the 15th December (Gaudete Sunday). More information to come.

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